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1. THERE WERE TWO SIGNIFICANT DEVIATIONS FROM THE PROJECTED WORKLOAD IN FIRST QUARTER OF FY76- WE DID NOT HOLD THE QUARTERLY EAG MEETING, AND JOHANNESBURG WHILE GRADUALLY CATCHING UP WAS STILL BEHIND IN ITS MARKET SURVEY WORK.

2. WE CONSIDERED IT INAPPROPRIATE TO HOLD AN EAG MEETING WHILE THE MOST IMPORTANT FSO COMMERCIAL POSITION WAS VACANT. KIRBY IS NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN LATE NOVEMBER AND WE ARE PLANNING A COUNTRY-WIDE MEETING DECEMBER 4-5.

3. MARKET SURVEYS HAVE TURNED OUT TO REQUIRE MANY MORE MAN HOURS THAN EXPECTED AND VACANCY OF SENIOR COMMERCIAL JOB IN JOHANNESBURG HAS COMPOUNDED THE PROBLEM. SURVEY ON BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS COMPLETED. SURVEYS ON FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND AVIONICS NEAR COMPLETION. SURVEY ON MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT BEING UNDERTAKEN.

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